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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 2858

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA AND ARAB BOYCOTT

REF: (A) STATE 254029, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 2543 (NOTAL)

1. MAURITANIA CONTINUES TO IGNORE ARAB BOYCOTT REGULATIONS. DCM RECENTLY CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF MAGHREB AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS YACOB MOUSTAPHA TO DISCUSS ARAB BOYCOTT QUESTION. MOUSTAPHA SAID SUBJECT COULD BE DISCUSSED MORE APPROPRIATELY WITH EUROPEAN, ASIAN AND AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF KHARASS. DCM RAISED ARAB BOYCOTT WITH KHARASS ON NOVEMBER 19.

2. KHARASS POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MAURITANIA TAKES PART IN MEETINGS OF CENTRAL BOYCOTT AUTHORITY, GIRM HAS ESTABLISHED NO INSTITUTION TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF BOYCOTT REGULATIONS. CENTRAL BOYCOTT AUTHORITY FORWARDS ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION TO GIRM FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE IT IS, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, FILED AND FORGOTTEN. NOR IS THERE REGULAR AND EFFECTIVE LIAISON BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER GIRM MINISTRIES

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CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF BOYCOTT REGULATIONS. WHEN ASKED IF

HE FORESEES ANY CHANGE IN GIRM POLICY ON BOYCOTT QUESTION, KHARASS REPLIED HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT NOTED GIRM, OVER LONG TERM, WILL WISH TO MOVE CLOSER TO ARAB LEAGUE COLLEAGUES ON BOYCOTT MATTERS.

3. BECAUSE KHARASS WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT SPECIFIC ISSUES DISCUSSED REF. (A) DCM EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING GENERAL POINTS: USG CONCERN OVER DISCRIMINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUND AND OUR COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION. KHARASS MADE NOTE OF THESE TWO CONCERNS BUT POINTED OUT THAT MAURITANIA DOES NOT ENGAGE IN EITHER PRACTICE.

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